

**CITY OF FERNDALE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

FROM: J. Cherilynn Tallman, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming November 2009 as National Family Caregivers Month

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The Michigan Caregiver Community Action Network is requesting a Resolution proclaiming November as National Family Caregiver Month in the City of Ferndale.

Americans are living longer as a result of medical and technological advances. As a result, there are many older, disabled and chronically ill persons who require care. The need for family caregivers is growing. People over 85 are the fastest growing segment of the United States population. Family caregivers are dedicated professionals working to improve the quality of life for those than can no longer care for themselves.

Family caregivers merit our gratitude and respect. The Michigan Caregiver Community Action Network asks that the City of Ferndale show this dedicated group of people that we appreciate their efforts by recognizing them with this Resolution.

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2009

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: n/a

FINANCE DIRECTOR REVIEW: n/a

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Moved by , seconded by , to adopt the Resolution proclaiming November 2009 as National Family Caregiver Month in the City of Ferndale.

CITY OF FERNDALE
RESOLUTION 2009 -

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 300 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale MI 48220 on the 26th day of October, 2009

The following resolution was moved by and seconded by:

During this season of thanksgiving, as we pause to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us as individuals and as a City, we are especially grateful for the love of our families and friends. One of the most profound ways in which that love is expressed is through the generous support provided by family caregivers to loved ones who are chronically ill, elderly or disabled. Caregivers reflect family and community life at its best. They are among Ferndale's most important natural resources; and

The need for family caregivers is growing. We are blessed to live in a time when medicine and technology have helped us live longer. As a result, persons with disabilities are living longer and people over 85 are the fastest growing segment of our population. Family caregivers can be found in every city and town in America. It is likely that we all know at least one family caregiver; and

Family caregivers deserve our lasting gratitude and respect. This month, as we honor the many contributions that family caregivers make to the quality of our national life, let us resolve to work through our community, religious, social, business and other organizations to offer programs and services that will provide caregivers the support and encouragement they need to carry out their vital responsibilities.

BE IT RESOLVED that, We, Ferndale's Elected Officials, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Family Caregivers Month in the City of Ferndale.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

I, J. Cherilynn Tallman, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ferndale at a meeting held on October 26, 2009, the original of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 27th day of October, 2009.

J. Cherilynn Tallman, City Clerk